CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT



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WHAT: SURFACE STREET CLOSURE, SYCAMORE CANYON BLVD.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, DEC. 15 AND 16

WHERE: RIVERSIDE, NEAR BOX SPRINGS RD., AND UC RIVERSIDE

RIVERSIDE - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) advises motorists Sycamore Canyon Blvd. will be closed near Interstate 215 from Box Springs Rd. to College Blvd. on Dec. 15 and 16 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. The closure is required in order to set K-rail and crash cushions in preparation for construction of a retaining wall at Sycamore Canyon Blvd. and new freeway ramps at Box Springs Rd.

Signs directing motorists to a local detour will be posted. Northbound motorists are advised to use Lochmoor Dr. west to Central Ave. and east back to the I-215. Southbound travelers will reverse these directions. Residents who live in the affected area will have access to their homes during the closure.

The new retaining wall and ramps will be part of the \$317 million effort to build a new interchange at the junction of the 60/91/215 freeways. This major freeway interchange improvement project will be finished in 2007.

For project updates, call Caltrans directly at 1-866-60-91-215. Photographs of the construction process are frequently updated and can be viewed at http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/6091215/6091215project_pics_pg.htm. Planned lane closures for the entire project are updated weekly and can be viewed by accessing the Web site http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/6091215/schedule.htm.

Caltrans advises motorists to always drive carefully around construction sites. Always, be alert, stay smart and *Slow for the Cone Zone.*

